

## NOTES.

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL.

1. Richard Cutts Shannon, donor of the Vaughan Memorial Sundial, is a descendant of George Vaughan, in the seventh generation. He was born at New London, Connecticut, February 12, 1839, and is now therefore well advanced in his eightieth year. He was a young man — only just of age, and still at college — when the Civil War broke out in the United States, and he responded at once to the call to arms. After coming safely through a number of engagements he was taken prisoner in the battle of Chancellorville, May 3, 1863, but was exchanged in time to be present the following month at Gettysburg, serving in that great battle on the staff of General Slocum. In the final campaign of the war he served with the 25th Army Corps before Richmond, and became Adjutant-General of a division, and at the close of the war, agreeably to his own wishes, he was honorably "mustered out" of the army, receiving subsequently the brevets of Major and Lieutenant-Colonel for his services. He later entered the diplomatic service and was Secretary of the United States Legation to Brazil, 1871-75, acting on two occasions during that period as Charge d'Affaires, ad interim. Was later President of the Botanical Garden R. R. Co., an American enterprise in Brazil, and during the greater part of his residence in that country was special correspondent of the New York "Times" and "Tribune." During the winter of 1870-71 lectured on Brazil, in Maine. Returning to live in the north, he studied law, and was in due course admitted to the